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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR JUNE 2, CHARGE INTRODUCED DISCUSSION OF ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR AND CHARGE AGREED THAT AS CONCERNS CAMBODIA ALMOST GREATEST NEED IS FOR ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY SO AS TO BE ABLE TO FACE PRESENT SITUATION. GOC APPEARS BE WITHOUT ANY REAL PLAN OF WHAT IT IS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH.
2. IN REPLY TO DIRECT QUESTION REGARDING INDONESIAN INTENTIONS, AMBASSADOR STATED THAT HIS COUNTRY WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT RPT NOT SEND TROOPS OR GIVE EQUIPMENT.
3. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED THAT INDONESIA WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER TRAINING AND ADVICE. THE FORMER WOULD PREFERABLY TAKE PLACE IN INDONESIA WHERE ALL FACILITIES EXIST. WHAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING IS OFFER OF 30 DAYS COURSE IN GUERRILLA WARFARE, INCLUDING PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS, FOR COMPANY-SIZE FORCES.
4. AMBASSADOR ALSO STATED THAT A SMALL GROUP OF INDONESIAN YOUTH HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN CAMBODIA TO DISCUSS WITH LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS WHAT LATTER COULD AND SHOULD DO. INDONESIANS HAVE NOW RETURNED HOME BUT WOULD EITHER BE BACK AGAIN OR ANOTHER GROUP WOULD APPEAR SHORTLY WITH FURTHER IDEAS DESIGNED TO KEEP CAMBODIAN YOUTH BOTH BUSY AND ON SIDE OF GOVERNMENT.
5. IN CONCLUSION, INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED CHARGE THAT HE HAD SEEN PRESIDENT SUHARTO TWICE WHILE ON RECENT CONSULTATIONS DJAKARTA AND THAT JUST PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR THE UNITED STATES SUHARTO HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS ON "HELP WHICH WILL NOT AFFECT INDONESIAN ECONOMY." AMBASSADOR ADMITTED HE WAS FINDING THIS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TASK.

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